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In re Patent Application of:

Christopher J. Stanley

Application No.: 09/760,819

Filed: January 17, 2001 Art Unit: 1634

For: USE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BOUND TO Examiner: F.W. M. Lu

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Final Office Action herein mailed January 7, 2004, a shortened time for response to which was set to expire March 7, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. All pending claims 1 and 3-22 remain rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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